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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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**Title:** ***Fixation Device and Method for Treating Contractures and Other  
Orthopedic Indications***

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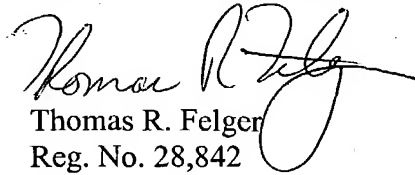
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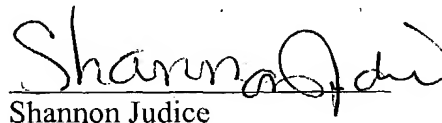
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